

Amendments to the Claims

Claims Listing

This claims listing replaces all previous claims listings.

1. (Original) A mask including:
 - a shell; and
 - a cushion connected with said shell;
 - said shell having a side wall, said shell having a retaining ring disposed inside said side wall, said side wall and said retaining ring defining a gap between said side wall and said retaining ring, said gap extending around said shell;
 - said cushion having a side wall with an outer peripheral edge portion including a tongue extending around said cushion;
 - said tongue of said cushion being received in said gap in said shell to secure said cushion to said shell.
2. (Original) A mask as set forth in claim 1 wherein said retaining ring has a notch adjacent said gap, said tongue having a flange extending transverse to said tongue, said flange being received within said notch to secure said cushion to said shell.
3. (Original) A mask as set forth in claim 2 wherein said shell side wall includes a plurality of projecting posts, said retaining ring having a plurality of sleeves receiving said posts to support said retaining ring on said shell.
4. (Original) A nasal mask including:
 - a shell; and
 - a cushion connected with said shell for engagement with the face of a user;
 - said cushion having a side wall, an inner wall extending transverse to said side wall, and an outer wall extending transverse to said side wall, said outer wall being adapted to engage and seal against a face of a user of the mask;
 - said outer wall of said cushion extending substantially completely around said cushion;

said inner wall of said cushion being discontinuous in a nasal bridge region of said cushion.

5. (original) A nasal mask as set forth in claim 4 wherein said inner wall of said cushion is thicker and stronger than said outer wall of said cushion for supporting said outer wall.

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26. (New) A nasal mask as set forth in claim 4 wherein the outer wall extends laterally inward from the side wall, and the inner wall extends around the side wall.

27. (New) A nasal mask as set forth in claim 4 wherein the inner wall of the cushion is stiffer than the outer wall for supporting the outer wall.

28. (New) A nasal mask as set forth in claim 27 wherein the inner wall of the cushion is thicker than the outer wall and is spaced from the user's face when the outer wall seals against a face of a user of the mask.

29. (New) A nasal mask as set forth in claim 4 wherein the inner wall of the cushion is thicker than the outer wall and is spaced from the user's face when the outer wall seals against a face of a user of the mask.